

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for the~~ for treatment of water related disorders of ~~outer-an external ear canal disorders comprising, consisting of~~ the steps of applying a water resistant repellent agent and antimicrobial agent ~~in a~~ to constitute a film forming liquid to ~~form a composition capable of being applied~~ topically to the external ear canal,

the antimicrobial agent consisting of an essential oil ~~selected from a group consisting of the essential oils of~~ *Melaleuca alternifolia*, ~~*Melaleuca dissitiflora*, and *Melaleuca linariiflora*,~~

wherein the ~~composition~~ film forming liquid consists of no more than the water repellent agent and the antimicrobial agent.

2. (Currently Amended) A composition ~~for the~~ for treatment of water related disorders of an outer ear canal ~~disorders comprising, consisting of~~ a water repellent agent and an antimicrobial agent ~~in a~~ to constitute a film forming liquid capable of being instilled in the outer ear canal in droplet form,

the antimicrobial agent consisting of an essential oil ~~selected from a group consisting of the essential oils of~~ *Melaleuca alternifolia*, ~~*Melaleuca dissitiflora*, and *Melaleuca linariiflora*,~~

wherein the ~~composition~~ film forming liquid consists of no more than the water repellent agent and the antimicrobial agent.

3. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 in which the water repellent agent is constituted by a water repellent silicone polymer adapted, in combination with the antimicrobial agent or on its own, to constitute the film forming liquid.

4. (Original) A composition according to claim 3 in which the silicone polymer is constituted by a polysiloxane.

5. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 2 in which the antimicrobial agent is capable of acting against ~~a broad range of~~ bacterial and fungal infections.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A composition for the treatment of water related disorders of ~~outer-an external ear canal disorders,~~ consisting of no more than a water repellent agent in the form of a polysiloxane and an antimicrobial agent consisting of the essential oil selected ~~from a group of essential oils~~ of *Melaleuca alternifolia*, ~~*Melaleuca dissitiflora*, and~~ ~~*Melaleuca linariiflora*~~ in which polysiloxane and the antimicrobial agent are combined to produce a film forming liquid that is capable of being applied topically to the external ear canal by instillation in droplet form.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellant agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.

11 (New) A composition according to claim 2, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellant agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.

12. (New) A composition according to claim 7, wherein the film forming liquid includes 75 to 98% by volume of polysiloxane as the water repellant agent, and 2 to 25% by volume of *Melaleuca alternifolia*.